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TO: The Files

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FROM: Leslie Heppler

SUBJECT: Retire File, Homer & Barts, Ralph J. Simpson, S/047/0078, Uintah County, Utah

It is the recommendation of the Division to Retire permit S/047/0078 . SITLA cancelled the lease with Ralph J. Simpson effective January 1, 2006. Two inspection have been done on the site since the lease has been cancelled and are as follows:

November 1, 2006 Inspection Report

Conclusions and Recommendations:

I suggest that the operator request release of the reclamation surety. The Division would be in a position to release the surety if the operator requested it and if Trust Lands agreed to the release. The operator does not have approval to mine because of non-payment of the permit fee, and he does not have right of entry.

November 18, 2009 Inspection Report

Inspection Summary: Operator no longer has right of entry from SITLA. No active mining was noted. There were several camping/hunting sites in the area. Only a few pallets were noted, none had rock loaded on the pallets. Vegetation matches surrounding native vegetation. Photos were taken to document site conditions.

Conclusions and Recommendations: Operator should remove the pallets and close the permit. OGM to continue annual inspections and monitor the site when in the area.

The reclamation bond held by Zions Bank, in the form of the CD has been previously released.

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